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THE REPLY FILED 04 November 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]

a) ☒ The period for reply expires _3_ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.

b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.

2. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:

    (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);

    (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);

    (c) ☐ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or

    (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

        NOTE: _____.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.

4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. ☒ The a)☐ affidavit, b)☐ exhibit, or c)☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: *See Continuation Sheet*.

6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a)☒ will not be entered or b)☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

    The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

    Claim(s) allowed: _____.

    Claim(s) objected to: _____.

    Claim(s) rejected: *1-24*.

    Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a)☐ approved or b)☐ disapproved by the Examiner.

9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s)(PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____.

10. ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of 5. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
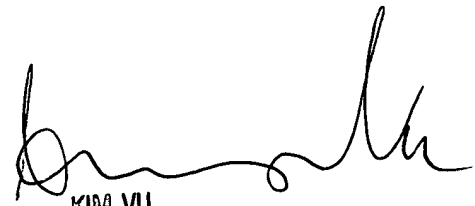The applicant's arguments (filed on 11/04/2003) are not persuasive.
Chidlovskii discloses the system, method and program storage device readable by machine embodying a program of instructions executable by machine to perform for classifying user contexts (col. 6, lines 16-27) in a customer self service system that performs resource search and selection, the customer self service system including a context attribute database (user profile and community profile, FIG. 2, col. 4, lines 16-54) comprising types of user contexts and one or more context attributes associated with each user context for processing by the system, and context attribute function database comprising functions for computing values for each context attribute, see (FIG. 2, col. 6, lines 16-58, the context of community and specific domain), receiving a user query (102, FIG. 2, col. 4, lines 16-40) and context vector (FIG. 2, col. 5, lines 41-67 to col. 6, lines 1-15) comprising data associating an interaction state with the user (50, user profile, FIG. 2) and including context that is a function of user, see (user context profile that has user record contexts based on user and community, col. 4, lines 16-65); processing the query and context vector against data included in a context attribute database (50, user profile, FIG. 2, col. 5, lines 41-67) comprising types of user contexts and one or more context attributes associated with each user context (user context profile, col. 56-67) for processing by the system, see (FIG. 2, col. 4, lines 16-67 to col. 5, lines 1-67); and processing the query and context vector against data included in a context attribute function database (user profile) comprising functions for computing values for each context attribute, wherein the processing results in predicting a particular user context and populating the user context vector with context parameters specifying, (col. 8, lines 35-55) a user interaction state, see (col. 8, lines 35-55, FIG. 2, col. 2, lines 34-67, col. 4, lines 16-67).
Chidlovskii discloses the processing and populating user context vector (col. 6, lines 5-59, term-weight vector of user context profile)
Chidlovskii discloses pre-processor creates user query profile (5, lines 42-67) and used by the search post-processor later, which teaches that the results from pre-processor is used for later queries (subsequent search, see col. 8, lines 35-46).
Thus, the system of Chidlovskii discloses the claimed limitations.

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